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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

1:22-CR-02091-MKD

Plaintiff,

PLAINTIFF'S SENTENCING

vs.

MEMORANDUM

MATTHIAS KARSTEN CALLAWAY,

Defendant.

The United States of America, by and through Vanessa R. Waldref, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington, and Michael D. Murphy, Assistant United States Attorney, submits the following Sentencing Memorandum.

1 On January 30, 2022, Defendant pleaded guilty to an Information charging a
2 single count of Enticement of a Minor, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2422(b). ECF
3 48, 52 (Information, Plea Agreement).

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6 I. BASE OFFENSE LEVEL AND ENHANCEMENTS

7 The draft PSIR provides for a base offense level of 28. PSIR, ECF 62, ¶ 24.
8 A two level increase is applied for use of a computer and Defendant is accorded a
9 three level downward adjustment for acceptance of responsibility. *Id.* at ¶¶ 25, 31-
10 32. In addition to a total offense level of 27, Defendant falls within criminal history
11 category I, resulting a guideline range of incarceration of 120 months to be followed
12 by no less than 5 years and up to lifetime of supervised release. *Id.* at ¶ 124. The
13 United States agrees with the Guidelines calculations in the PSR.

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15 II. DEPARTURES AND OBJECTIONS

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17 The United States does not seek any departure in this matter or, alternatively,
18 any variance. The United States does not have any objections to the PSIR.

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20 The Guidelines are the starting point and the initial benchmark for the
21 sentencing process. *Kimbrough v. United States*, 128 S. Ct. 558 (2007). The Court
22 “take[s] into account the totality of the circumstances” to determine whether a
23 sentence is reasonable. *Gall v. United States*, 128 S. Ct. 586, 597 (2007). Further,
24 upon appellate review, “the scheme of downward and upward ‘departures’ [is]
25 essentially replaced by the requirement that judges impose a ‘reasonable’ sentence.”
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1 *United States v. Ellis*, 641 F.3d 411, 421 (9th Cir. 2011). A reasonable sentence
2 under the facts of this case is one as recommended by the Sentencing Guidelines-
3 120 months incarceration followed by 5 years of supervised release.
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5 III. SENTENCING FACTORS UNDER 18 U.S.C. §3553(a)

6 1. The nature and circumstances of the offense and the history and
7 characteristics of Defendant.

8 The investigation which led to Defendant's indictment and his plea to the
9 charge of Enticement of a minor began with a welfare check of a fifteen-year-old
10 female other than the child identified in the Indictment and the Information.
11 Investigation into the circumstance of that girl led to Defendant's arrest on state
12 charges, which have subsequently been dismissed. ECF 62, ¶¶ 34-37, 50. After his
13 arrest on the charges related to that case, Defendant was interviewed and admitted to
14 the conduct which led to his arrest on state charges. He also admitted to his conduct in
15 paying another fifteen-year-old girl for videos of her masturbating or showing herself
16 nude. *Id.* at ¶ 14. Defendant knew the victim of the instant charges and had interacted
17 with her socially as well as on-line. In addition to Defendant's inculpatory statements
18 to law enforcement, he has indicated, through counsel, the desire to accept
19 responsibility in this case.
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21 Defendant has life-long substantial physical impairments. ECF 62, ¶¶ 75-79.
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23 "[A] sentencing court may rely on any evidence relating to a defendant's
24 background, character, and conduct when considering the sentencing factors found in
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18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)." *United States v. Christensen*, 732 F.3d 1094, 1104 n. 2 (9th Cir.
2013) (emphasis added). Sentencing courts are permitted to consider the widest
possible breadth of information about a defendant to ensure that the punishment will
suit not only the offense, but also the individual defendant. *Pepper v. United States*,
562 U.S. 476, 488 (2011). Defendant's actions as they pertain to the victim of the
charged conduct are outside the common run of cases of enticement of a minor, in that
he is relatively near in age to that person, was known to her, and did not engage in
subterfuge to obtain the child pornography. However, his conduct as to the victim in
the state charges, as well as his persistent efforts to have other young women and girls
to send him pornographic images, as described in ¶¶ 38-42 of the PSR, indicate the
appropriateness of a guideline sentence.

2. The need for the sentence imposed to reflect the seriousness of the offense,
promote respect for the law, and to provide just punishment.

A guideline sentence is appropriate to reflect the seriousness of the offense.
Further, a sentence of 120 months imprisonment would promote respect for the law.
See Rita v. United States, 551 U.S. 338, 356 (2007) ("[W]hen a judge decides simply
to apply the Guidelines to a particular case, doing so will not necessarily require
lengthy explanation.").

3. The need for the sentence imposed to afford adequate deterrence to criminal
conduct.

1 A sentence of 120 months incarceration would provide adequate deterrence
2 given Defendant's lack of criminal history.

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- 5 4. The need for the sentence imposed to protect the public from further crimes
of Defendant.

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7 Defendant is twenty-four years old and has a substantial employment history,
8 particularly given his physical challenges. A sentence of 120 months imprisonment
9 followed by 5 years of supervised release should protect the public from further
10 crimes by him.

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- 13 5. The need for the sentence imposed to provide Defendant with needed
educational or vocational training, medical care, or other correctional
treatment in the most effective manner.

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16 A sentence of 120 months imprisonment would provide Defendant with
17 effective correctional treatment. He will require substantial medical care while in
18 custody.

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21 IV. GOVERNMENT'S SENTENCING RECOMMENDATION

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24 The government recommends that the Court impose a sentence of incarceration
25 of 120 months followed by a term of supervised release of 5 years and no criminal
26 fine. Defendant must pay a \$100 Special Penalty Assessment. Defendant must also be
27 required to participate in Sex Offender Registration.

DATED this 2nd day of April, 2024.

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s/Michael D. Murphy
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on April 2, 2024, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF System, and a copy was emailed to the counsel of record in this case.

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